

Calico Cottage

December 2022

Happenings at Calico Cottage!

To start my newsletter this month I get to share some Special News. Randy & I were blessed with a granddaughter on October 22nd. Jacie (my daughter), her husband Eric and my grandson Elam welcomed a special gift from heaven named Harlynn Charlie Milius to our family. She is just perfect in every way and our hearts are exploding with love!



A special Thank-you to all my customers (friends) who voted for Calico Cottage for Hastings Downtown Business of the Year. We received an amazing number of votes and won the title for this year. Thank-you, Thank-you and Thank-you again, your support means so much to us!

Oh, my... in the blink of an eye, we are deep into the holiday season. I always look forward to the winter season, the cooler weather, the beautiful Christmas lights, special time with family and friends and my life moving at little bit slower pace with more time to start new projects or even finish up on some of my UFO's that I have stashed away. I've been doing some serious planning for what winter and the new year holds here at Calico Cottage.

- Join us any Thursday evening anytime from 5 PM to 9 PM for "Girls Night Out", bring something to work on. Someone is always on site to offer assistance if you need some extra help or advice. We will have great conversation and maybe get some projects done.
- Illusions BOM club continues to meet on the first Friday of each month.
- Happy Hour is scheduled for December 9th! Julie will be on Facebook live Friday night December 9th for Happy Hour at 5:00 PM, to show you what is new at Calico Cottage.
- M.E. (Machine Embroidery) Club is December 12th from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM
- Remember the 25th of the month is "12 Months of Christmas" = free Christmas projects.
- Sew....It's Friday, happens on December 30th join us for a "free day of sewing".

- Quilts of Valor Sew day is January 18th from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM
- Exploring Embroidery is resuming on January 19th from 7 to 9 PM
- Don't forget the once-a-month Fat Quarter Friday Sale - see sale section for details.

Calico Cottage will be taking some time to observe the holiday season with family & friends, we will be closing at noon on December 24 and reopen at 9:30 am on December 27 featuring a year end sale. We will also be closed on December 31 and reopen at 9:30 am on January 3. We will also be hosting a special "New Year's Day Sew Day" more details below in classes & events.

Getting to know Us!

By now most of you have had the opportunity to stop in and meet Julie and the staff at Calico Cottage. During the next few months, we will be featuring an employee so you get to know us just a bit better. Next up is Carla Hubl!

Carla says: She has been married to Dennis Hubl for 42 years. Together they have three grown sons, two of which live in the area so they can spoil the grandkids. Their children are:

- Drew, his wife Megan and seven year old daughter, Myla
- Shane, his wife Brandi and children, five year old daughter Charli and nearly three year old son Ben
- And youngest son, Dylan, a wildlife biologist in Seattle, WA.



Carla says "I learned to sew from my mother who was an accomplished seamstress and leader of our 4-H group for many years. I enjoy a wide variety of sewing, machine embroidery and crafts. I have been involved in Quilts of Valor and have been thrilled to learn how to use the long arm to quilt."

She retired from nursing a year ago and is still adjusting to that. Carla started at Calico Cottage during the first of this year, usually working just one day a week. Carla says she has enjoyed getting to know her co-workers and meeting the customers.

Here are a few questions we asked Carla to get to know her just a bit better.

- Favorite season: I love warm, even hot weather... spring after the last of winter moves out. Love seeing the new crops growing in the fields and planting new flowers.
- Morning/Night owl: I adapt to either, depends on what I'm doing or have planned.
- Childhood dreams: I didn't have just one single childhood dream. I changed my mind a lot growing up which explains why I was going back to school to get a nursing degree after I was married and had three young sons.
- Inspiration: My parents. My mother because I watched her go through so many health challenges but still defied the odds and lived to be nearly ninety. And my father because he had such a great work ethic and was so family oriented.
- Favorite food: Anything Italian or Mexican, or chocolate!
- Best Vacation: visiting Hawaii with my husband and youngest son, staying with some relatives so we got some "backstage tours" of things the normal tourist doesn't get to see. But my favorite time off now is spent at our cabin at Lovewell.
- Words to live by: All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten.
- Favorite Notions: Can't live without my rotary cutter/mat.

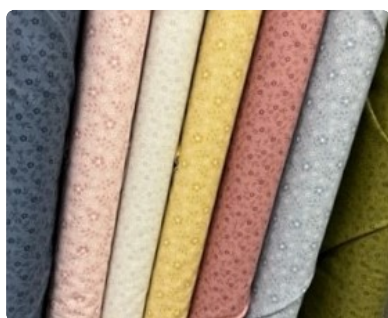
What's *NEW* at the "COTTAGE"

Fabrics Continue Arriving Daily!

Julie and the gals at the shop have really gotten into buying fabrics and notions for everyone. We try really hard to satisfy your needs and desires. While everyone is getting ready for Christmas with decorating and finishing projects, we are concentrating on Valentines Day, St Pattie's Day, Easter and Spring so I want to share a sneak peek of what is coming your way. By the way we already have next year's fall and Christmas fabrics picked out and on order.

Be sure to check them out on our website www.calicocottagenebraska.com

Below is just a sample to wet your appetite for more!



Midnight Garden

Midnight Garden by Gerri Robinson of Planted Seed Designs for Riley Blake Designs is great for quilting, apparel and home decor. This tone-on-tone print features small sprigs of leaves, flowers and berries.

Rosette in Blossom

We are featuring this beautiful fabric by Robert Kaufman check out this collection for Valentines Day featuring:

Rosette Ten Square

Rosette in Charcoal

Rosette in Natural

Rosette in Blossom

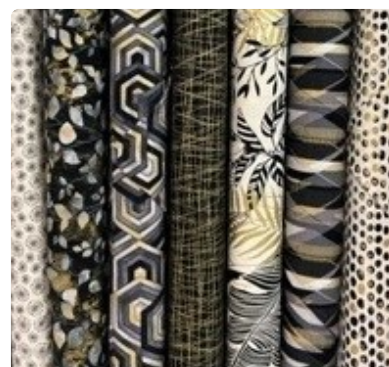


Northcott - First Snow

First Snow from Patrick Lose is such a fun collection! Features; when good sweaters go bad is a fabric that is scattered with multi directional Christmas sweaters, hats and mittens in all shapes, sizes and colors. Pair with a bolt of sweater weather in blue (looks like knitted fabric, and several bolts of wonderful snowflakes and winter flurries.

Black, White & 24 Karat

Its bold, luxurious, modern with a sexy twist. We can't wait to sew something up featuring this new fabric line from Henry Glass.





Flannels Galore!

Oh my I think I went a little crazy with warm and cozy flannels! Be sure to check out our blanket scarf and simple scarf patterns featuring flannel to keep you warm this winter

Little Ones

What new mom wouldn't love a quilt featuring this fabulous collection from Henry Glass. We have the fawn panel, along with a panel with 24" block repeats of an owl, chipmunk, rabbit, squirrel, hedgehog, otter, and a fawn. To highlight these wonderful panels you can choose from the fabric line multiple coordinating pieces. Not your traditional colors for a new baby, but wow.... just wow!



Lal the Lamb

Welcome that little bundle of joy with Lal! We have the panel and multiple coordinating fabrics for your special creation. This Susybee collection is bright, cherry and so fun!



It's a Wrap (Original Calico Cottage Patterns)

And the Pillow Wrap series continues with:

December - "Oh...Christmas Tree"

November - "To Grandmothers house we go"

October - "Pumpkin Row"

September - Fall "Leaves" me happy.

August - "Picnic Friends"

July - "Feelin' Patriotic"

June - "Summer Tweet Summer"

May - "Brings May Flowers"

April - "Not just any rabbit... it's the Easter Bunny"

March - "No Shenanigans just Clovers"

February - "Love Hearts"

January - "Sledding through the Winter"

Each month on the first Wednesday of the month a new wrap for the month will be released!

Stop by and pick up your free pattern and/or (kit includes pattern) for \$17.49.



If you liked our monthly wrap patterns, boy do we have a surprise in 2023!

Classes & Events

As the holidays hit and everyone is so busy remember, we are here for you! If you need help with your project, give us a call and we will set up a time with you to provide our 1 on 1 assistance with no charge.

All classes with the exception of Barn Quilts and Embroidery Classes require a sewing machine and basic sewing supplies: mat, rulers, cutter, thread, scissors, pins, marking pencils, seam ripper, etc. Call, stop in or e-mail the store for a more detailed supply list on any specific class.



"Barn Quilts"

Classes Announced for 2023! Mark your calendars.

Evening Classes on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 PM until 9:00 PM

January 9 & 10, February no classes, March no classes, April no classes, May 1 & 2, June 5 & 6, July 10 & 11, August 7 & 8, September 11 & 12, October 2 & 3, November 6 & 7, December 4 & 5.

Class Fee - 2' x 2' = \$45.00, 3' x 3' = \$55.00, 4' x 4' = \$65.00

Choose a two - day evening class. Find a time that fits your

schedule. These classes tend to fill quickly so sign up early. Wear your painting clothes and learn the technique on plywood. The class fee includes wood, paint and all the materials. Instructor, Rickie Crandell, suggests that you bring a book or something to do while the paint is drying. You might also bring a hair dryer to speed up the process. If you're painting a 4' x 4', make sure it will fit in your vehicle so you can take it home after it dries.

M.E. (Machine Embroidery)

Hey... All you, Machine Embroiderers; Calico Cottage started a "new" club especially for you! Join M.E. (Machine Embroidery) Club to expand your Machine Embroidery skills with tips, hints, and project ideas. Let's learn together!

What is M.E. Club – We are a group that focuses on Machine Embroidery, it doesn't matter what brand of machine you have or even if you have an embroidery machine. You may just want to be exposed to an embroidery machine to see if it is for you and if you are ready to take the plunge of owning one. At M.E. Club you will see a demo of the "lesson" of the month then you can experience lesson "hands on" if you choose to bring your machine.

When does M.E. Club meet – The second Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

· With the exception of January which will meet on the 3rd Monday (January 16th)

Where does M.E. Club meet – The large classroom at Calico Cottage on third floor, never fear there is an elevator for your convenience.

What is the cost for M.E. Club – It is a one-time membership cost of \$10.00 which includes a flash drive to upload the files from class. Then each session you attend the fee is \$2.00. Oh my... that's only \$1.00 per hour for those tips, & ideas, what a bargain.

How do I join M.E. Club – Stop in at Calico Cottage and sign up. When you sign up and pay your membership fee. You are a member! When you sign up, please tell us what format your machine uses.



Lesson Information

Supply Lists will vary each month with the project we will be featuring.

December -

January - Please bring your computer or tablet

Supply list for the next month's lesson will be available one month prior to M.E. Club

December Lesson – Cards

January Lesson - Explore the web for patterns and learn about downloading them

Stay tuned we have a ME surprise for 2023!

Exploring Embroidery and Embellishments - "Free Class with Julie"

Embroidery was so much fun we are continuing it in 2023!

Select a panel (any panel of your choice) that you will work on during the classes, NO Class in December, we will resume classes January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, August 17, September 21, & October 19. Each class will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- Please note you do not need to attend all the classes, but you do need to call and let us know that you will be attending
- Please bring scissors, embroidery floss, specialty threads, beads, a hoop & needles to the class.

Class is for Beginning Level to Experienced Embroiders - Everyone will learn something new!

"New Year, New Quilt"

You asked... and we decided to do it! You pick it out, you start it on New Year's Day! Come and sew with us anytime from 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM. No Charge, but you must register to come. Lunch and snacks will be served.

Classes will resume in January! Watch for details in the January Newsletter.

SALES!!!

- Fat Quarter Friday on December 16th - Take a chance and draw for your discount on the fat quarters. You may draw prior to shopping for the fat quarters. There will be some great deals on the "fats".
- Celebrate National Ugly Sweater Day, Dec 16th - Stop by wearing an Ugly Sweater and receive 15% off your purchase.
- It's Inventory Time so that means an Inventory Reduction Sale, Surprise discounts (check out Facebook for details) on December 27th - 30th. We will have the deals for you!



Join us for a Heartland Shop Hop!

Heartland Shop Hop '23 Projects ♦ Free Pattern ♦

Sew Cozy

SNOWFLAKES * BOOTS * MITTENS *
Cocoa * Snowmen * Sledding

January 20th – Jan. 31st.
Shop Hours: 9:30 to 5:00
Saturdays – Check with each shop
Not open Sundays

Prizes ♦ Lots of Fun

KANSAS
♦ Sew Country – Belleville
♦ Hidden Treasures – Mankato
♦ Projects ♦ Free Pattern

NEBRASKA
♦ Calico Cottage – Hastings
♦ Sew Bee It – Hebron
♦ The Quilt Basket – York

2023 NIFS Luggage Sale Tags!

Yes, we have the luggage tags for sale! They work like the shop hop bags, the only difference is that they are a tag not a bag. They can be purchased at any participating shop for \$10.00. Then use the tag on the 20th of the month for a 20% discount off regular price merchandise. Stores that are participating in the NIFS Luggage Sale Tags are: Acme Fabric & Quilt Co. (Blair), Betz's Little Shoppe (Newman Grove), Calico Cottage (Hastings), Claus'en Paus Quilt Shop (Columbus), Cosmic Cow (Lincoln), Creative Collectible Quilts & Crafts (Humboldt), Creative Notions (West Point), Fabric Bash (Lavista), I Bee Quilting (Norfolk), Nebraska Quilt Company (Fremont), Pat's Creative (Hemingford), Prairie Pines Quilt Shop (Gering), Quilt Stitches (Beatrice), Around the Spool Quilting Company (Louisville), Sew Bee It (Hebron), Sew What Needle Arts & Quilting (Columbus), The Quilt Basket (York), The quilt Shop (Wakefield), The Quilt Shack (Broken Bow), The Udder Store (Seward).



Quilting Across Nebraska 2023

It's happening again! Did someone say...Road Trip! Join the Nebraska Independent Fabric Shops on a journey across Nebraska throughout the rest of the year. Visit any of the participating shops to get your stamp for a chance to win a Gift Certificate. Check out <http://nebraskaquiltsshops.com>

Save these Dates!

Upcoming events & classes at the cottage:

December

- December 1 - Girls Night Out
- December 2 - Illusions BOM
- December 3 - Holiday Open House
- December 5 & 6 - Barn Quilts
- December 7 - It's A Wrap available
- December 9 - Happy Hour
- December 12 - ME Club
- December 15 - Girls Night Out
- December 16 - Fat Quarter Friday
- December 16 - National Ugly Sweater Day
- December 20 - 12 days of Christmas (moved from the 25th)
- December 20 - NIFS Luggage Tag Sale
- December 22 - No Girls Night Out
- December 24 - Closed at Noon
- December 26 - Closed
- December 27 - 30 - Inventory Reduction Sale
- December 28 - Eve Sky BOM Class
- December 29 - Girls Night Out
- December 30 - Sew...It's Friday
- December 31 - Closed

January

- January 1 - New Year, New Quilt Sew Day
- January 2 - Closed
- January 4 - Unveil "New" monthly exclusive Calico Cottage project
- January 5 - Girls Night Out
- January 6 - Illusions BOM
- January 6 & 7 - Anniversary Party
- January 9 & 10 - Barn Quilts
- January 10 - Special Word Sale
- January 12 - Girls Night Out
- January 13 - Happy Hour
- January 16 - Manic Monday Sale
- January 16 - ME Club
- January 18 - Quilts of Valor Sewing
- January 19 - Girls Night Out
- January 19 - Exploring Embroidery and Embellishments

- January 20 - Fat Quarter Friday
- January 20 - 31 - Sew Cozy Shop Hop
- January 20 - NIFS Luggage Tag Sale
- January 21- Bits & Pieces Fabric Collage Exploration
- January 24 - Wool Club
- January 26 - Girls Night Out
- January 27 - Sew... It's Friday
- January 28 - Scrappy Girls
- January 30 - Make it Monday

Upcoming Retreats

- Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Retreat - April 21st, 22nd & 23rd - Registration coming in early January! Save the Dates!
- Sue's Quilt Retreat at Calico Cottage Oct 27, 28 & 29 is full! If you have reserved a spot you must pay the fee's by June 1st to hold it.
- Julie is adding another retreat with Sue at Calico Cottage this fall November 10th & 11th let us know if you are interested.

It's a Bus!

Join Calico Cottage on this fun trip during the All Kansas & Nebraska Shop Hop April 20 - 23, 2023 (Thursday - Sunday) Sue Brown will be your Bus Host.

- Day One - Four Quilt Shops - Mankato, Belleville & Concordia
- Day Two - Kansas City & surrounding area
- Day Three - Kansas City & surrounding area
- Day Four - Homeward Bound stop off at Quilt Stitches in Beatrice
- \$499 per person (double room)
- \$625 per person (single room)
- Tour Price includes deluxe motor coach, 3 nights lodging - hotel (including taxes and gratuities), quilt shop experiences, and wonderful friendships made along the way.

Don't wait! Stop by to pick up your registration form. Payment due date is February 1st

Back Room is Exploding

Oops, I did it again!

Sneek a Peek - Spring & Easter arriving daily! We love to have you pass through the back room, even if it is a mess. Your smiles tell us what you think.



Remember to Stop by the Calico Cottage Nebraska Facebook Page regularly!

Come to Shop!

Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Summer Saturdays (Memorial Day through Labor Day); closing at 3:00 PM

Regular Saturdays; 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday; Closed

Julie, and her Calico Cottage Piecemaker's - Diane, Lorinda, Ann, Carla, Deb, Eileen, Jo & Sharon will be happy to assist you!



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